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Monday - 31 January 1972

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25X1 [redacted] Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Representative Tom Bevill (D., Ala.) has been assigned to the full Committee as a new member but no assignment has been made to replace Representative Andrews on the Defense Subcommittee. Mr. Preston does not know whether to expect an assignment to fill Representative Andrews spot before our meeting with the Committee on Thursday.

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[redacted] Received a call from Mr. Charles Briggs, OPPB, who told me that a followon request has been received from Mr. Eugene Wilhelm, House Approppriations Committee staff, for an Agency junior officer for detail to the Committee on a reimbursable basis for two to three months with the Transportation Subcommittee. This would be the same "career expansion detail" that was worked out between OPPB and the Committee.

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Friday - 28 January 1972

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[redacted] Called Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and told him that the information he had requested on the Radios from Mr. Jim Frey, OMB, in the meeting with Mr. Frey and Colonel White et al was forwarded to him yesterday afternoon. Mr. Preston was most appreciative.

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[redacted] Called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, to say the Director would like a meeting with Chairman Mahon before appearing before the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee next week. Preston called back to confirm a meeting for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, 31 January 1972.

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Thursday - 27 January 1972

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Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, for lunch. Mr. Preston told us that the Chairman has designated Representatives Jamie L. Whitten (D., Miss.) and Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.) as members of the Special Subcommittee. The Chairman will continue the classified status of the Subcommittee and its membership during the coming year. Mr. Preston said the naming of Representative Whitten to the Subcommittee would have the effect of accelerating processes within the Subcommittee and that it would be well for the Director to be prepared to make a presentation on the new intelligence community structure and, if possible, to suggest the timing of followon meetings for the Subcommittee with the other components of the intelligence community who could themselves speak on the detail of their portion of the community budget. Mr. Preston noted, in passing, that Jim Frey, of OMB, has not yet forwarded the material he promised in the meeting regarding partial liquidation of the Radios. Mr. Preston said that the Radios will be a topic as well in our meeting. Unless question might be raised by Representative Whitten, Mr. Preston does not expect any consideration of the Agency budget in the forthcoming meeting of the Special Subcommittee. Mr. Preston's best estimate at this time is the last week of February for meeting with the Special Subcommittee.

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9. [redacted] Met with Mr. Homer McMurray, Clerk, Official Reporters to House Committees, and arranged for the secure handling of the transcripts of the Director's scheduled meeting with the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on 3 February. Mr. McMurray will schedule the transcription of the reporter's tapes for a single room if at all possible. Mr. McMurray was somewhat concerned about his present inability to handle material requiring Q clearance of his reporters and transcribers on a current basis due to a shortage of transcribers who hold Q clearance. I told him that our hearing would not involve restricted data.

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Monday - 24 January 1972

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25X1 [redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the question of whether the Military Construction Subcommittee, chaired by Representative Robert Sikes (D., Fla.), would be invited to this year's briefing is somewhat up in the air. Although the Military Construction Subcommittee was not invited in advance last year, Representative Sikes prevailed upon Chairman Mahon as the hearing with the Director was starting to allow attendance of the Military Construction Subcommittee. Mr. Preston also noted that although there may well be a replacement for Representative George Andrews on the Defense Subcommittee before the date of the hearing, Chairman Mahon has not taken action to replace him as yet. 25X1

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5. [redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and reviewed the status of legislation concerning protection of the rights of Federal employees pending before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Mr. Preston will check Chairman Mahon's office and try to expedite the proposed letter from Mahon to Chairman Dulski, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning complete exemption for the Agency from this legislation. The Committee will be engaged fully in scheduled hearings during the coming week. Mr. Preston will not be able to audit the classified material held by the Committee until the schedule lets up. Delivery of a new safe for Committee use will also be delayed until Mr. Preston is ready for it.

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Wednesday - 19 January 1972

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[redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed with him the DCI briefing for 3 February for the Defense Subcommittee. An informal meeting was also scheduled for Thursday, 27 January, for [redacted] In response to his earlier 25X1A
request, I gave Mr. Preston a copy of the press coverage relating to General Vernon A. Walters together with a biographic outline. In passing, Mr. Preston confirmed his earlier remarks that the Special Subcommittee would not meet until the Chairman designates the new member. I briefed Mr. Preston on Ghana; Soviet naval construction at Nikolayev; Soviet TU-95 Bear D; Indian 25X1
Ocean reconnaissance; and complex H at Tyuratam.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

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This is to advise you that Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, was given a copy of the November 1971 China Atlas on 19 January 1972.

Office of Legislative Counsel

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Tuesday - 18 January 1972

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1. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Chairman Mahon would like to have the Director brief the full Defense Subcommittee. This would be the annual worldwide intelligence roundup. Mr. Preston said the Chairman did not set a date but that the briefing would be some time within the next two or three weeks. If there is a particular date excluding Fridays that would best suit the Director, Mr. Preston would try to schedule that date. I noted that the Director did not prefer to set a Monday briefing, if possible. Review of the tentative Committee schedule for the next three weeks indicates that 25 January, 3, 9, and 10 February might best fit that schedule. Mr. Preston told me that the Chairman also wants to meet with the Director and the Special Subcommittee as soon as he can. It will be necessary, however, to appoint a member to replace Representative Andrews (D., Ala.) before the meeting can be scheduled. Mr. Preston feels that this meeting will look primarily to updating of intelligence information for the Chairman plus "the Radios business." Mr. Preston will advise us as soon as he has any further guidance on the meeting of the Special Subcommittee. The Director has been advised.

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Monday - 17 January 1972

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[redacted] Accompanied Colonel White, Messrs. Colby, [redacted] and James Frey (of OMB) to a meeting with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, on the matter of funding the cost of liquidating certain programs of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. As a result of this meeting Messrs. Frey and [redacted] are to prepare a financial data sheet for Mr. Preston's use in a further discussion with Chairman Mahon on the subject. See Colonel White's Memorandum for the Record.

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I briefed Woodruff on our meeting earlier with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, on the subject of liquidation funds for the Radios. Woodruff said Ralph Preston had called him about this earlier. Mr. Mahon's position does not appear to have changed Woodruff's views on the subject, however.

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[redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and scheduled a meeting with him for Colonel White at 10:30 a.m. Monday, 17 January. He inquired whether anything definitive is known yet concerning a possible successor to General Cushman and asked that I provide him with whatever information we have on General Walters who has been prominently mentioned in the press. Mr. Preston told me that the Chairman has not designated a successor to Representative Andrews, who died over the holidays, and noted in passing that the Chairman has considered possible changes in the operation of the CIA Subcommittee. No changes appear to be imminent, however. As for the question of inclusion of a line item in the published budget setting forth the annual appropriation to the CIA, it is Mr. Preston's judgment that if it were to happen, the item would be set forth in the Department of Defense Appropriation bill and that matters concerning the Agency would continue to be handled in the general context of the Defense Subcommittee. I briefed Mr. Preston on the new type Soviet silos.

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3. [redacted] Met with Mr. John Garrity, Defense Subcommittee staff, House Appropriations Committee, who told me that the Chairman is in town probably through tomorrow. It is expected, however, that he will return to Texas on the weekend. Mr. Preston, of the Committee staff, left this morning with Representative Minshall for a week tour of Defense installations in the United States.

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Tuesday - 4 January 1972

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1. [redacted] Advised Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, of our conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, regarding use of liquidation funds for the Radios. I told Woodruff of Preston's feeling that the matter should be taken up with Chairman Mahon and that we will be doing this in the near future. I told him that if Mr. Mahon had no problem we would go ahead as Colonel White had originally discussed with him; if there is a problem we will be back in touch with him.

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25X1 [redacted] Checked with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who said he would be in and out of his office this week and that Chairman Mahon was in the city. I passed this information on to Colonel White who said he would let me know whether we were interested in meeting with the Chairman this week concerning the Radios. 25X1

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